

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Support for amendment to claim 1 can be found at least at Figs. 2 and 3, and the corresponding description. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Nguyen at the telephone interview held April 6, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

**I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

**A. §103(a) Rejection of Claims 1 & 5**

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,835,139 to Yun (Yun). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 would not have been rendered obvious by Yun. As agreed during the personal interview, Yun does not disclose "at least one of the plate and the cover including a surface that extends substantially parallel with the image display region of the electro-optical device, ... ; and double coated adhesive tape being between the surface of the at least one of the plate and the cover and the electro-optical device, the surface of the at least one of the plate and the cover being bonded to the electro-optical device by the double coated adhesive tape at the periphery of the window," as recited in independent claim 1. That is, Yun does not disclose the surface of the at least one of the plate and the cover, that is substantially parallel with the image display region, being bonded to the electro-optical device by the double coated adhesive tape at the periphery of the window.

Yun only discloses that assembling or fastening devices are located at the side surface of the display as shown in Fig. 7, and not at the front or back side (col. 5, lines 10-12). Thus, Yun does not disclose a double coated adhesive tape that is between the surface of the at least

one of the plate and the cover, and the electro-optical device, the surface being parallel with the image display region, as recited in independent claim 1.

Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Yun. Further, claim 5, which depends from claim 1, is also patentable over Yun for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

**B. §103(a) Rejection of Claims 3 and 7-10**

The Office Action rejects claims 3 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yun in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,853,179 to Yamanaka (Yamanaka). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 7-10 would not have been rendered obvious by Yamanaka. Yamanaka does not remedy Yun's deficiencies. Yamanaka is only cited by the Office Action for its alleged teaching of double coated adhesive tape. Claims 3 and 7-10 depend from claim 1. Thus, claims 3 and 7-10 are patentable over Yun and Yamanaka for at least the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

**C. §103(a) Rejection of Claim 4**

The Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yun in view of JP App. No. 10-171368 to Yamamoto (Yamamoto). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 4 would not have been rendered obvious by Yun in view of Yamamoto. Yamamoto does not remedy Yun's deficiencies. Yamamoto is only cited by the Office Action for its alleged teaching of double coated adhesive tape. Claim 4 depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 4 is patentable over Yun and Yamamoto for at least the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

**D.     §103(a) Rejection of Claim 6**

The Office Action rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yun in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,762,983 to Oogita et al. (Oogita). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

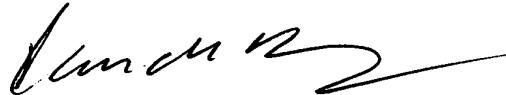
Claim 6 would not have been rendered obvious by Yun in view of Oogita. Oogita does not remedy Yun's deficiencies. Oogita is only cited by the Office Action for its alleged teaching of double coated adhesive tape. Claim 6 depends from claim 1. Thus, claim 6 is patentable over Yun and Oogita for at least the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1, as well as for the additional features it recites. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested

**II.     Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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